

## Eastern Illinois University The Keep

---

December

1997

---

12-9-1997

# Daily Eastern News: December 09, 1997

Eastern Illinois University

Follow this and additional works at: [http://thekeep.eiu.edu/den\\_1997\\_dec](http://thekeep.eiu.edu/den_1997_dec)

---

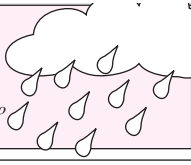
### Recommended Citation

Eastern Illinois University, "Daily Eastern News: December 09, 1997" (1997). *December*. 7.  
[http://thekeep.eiu.edu/den\\_1997\\_dec/7](http://thekeep.eiu.edu/den_1997_dec/7)

This is brought to you for free and open access by the 1997 at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in December by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact [tabruns@eiu.edu](mailto:tabruns@eiu.edu).

RAIN

a high of 38°



INSIDE

Blood drive

American Red Cross begins its donation drive this week

PAGE 7

Abrupt ending

Eastern cheer team wins midwest regionals but is unable to go to Orlando



PAGE 12

# Eastern shifts lobbying duties

Chris Merrifield will no longer meet with lawmakers

By DEANA POOLE  
News editor

Eastern’s liaison to the capitol will no longer be meeting with Springfield legislators now that her duties have been redistributed to Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president.

Chris Merrifield, who has been Eastern’s liaison since February 1995, was responsible for meeting with legislators of the Illinois Senate, General Assembly and members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education to lobby for funding for the university. She would voice university concerns in hopes of attracting additional funding from the legislature.

Nilsen, who oversees Merrifield, will be

meeting with legislators instead of Merrifield, Nilsen said.

“Chris (Merrifield) is going to spend some additional time reviewing legislation and analyzing legislation for the university,” Nilsen said.

She said the change in Merrifield’s duties is in an effort to “try to use everyone’s talents in the most appropriate way.”

Merrifield declined comment.

Shelly Flock, coordinator of public information, said Merrifield is still employed by the university.

“There has been a refocusing of (Merrifield’s) assignments but she is still currently employed by the university,” Flock said.

Nilsen said although Merrifield’s responsibilities have changed, her title remains the same.

Merrifield currently makes \$52,104 per year. Nilsen makes \$79,740 per year.

Merrifield is the former director for the Illinois Community College Board where she worked for 20 years.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

## Crunching numbers

Jill Sagler, a sophomore elementary education major, helps Janielle Davis, 8, from Mark Twain Grade School, with her math homework in Old Main Monday night. Sagler helps tutor through Math Energy, a club for elementary and junior high education majors.

# Snowy weather right on target

Wintery December climate has seen 2 inches of snow

By JAIME HODGE  
and JILL JEDLOWSKI  
Staff editors

Nobody ever said Jack Frost wasn’t a punctual guy. In fact, the snowfall he brought Monday was right on time for winter, said Dalias Price, local weatherman.

“Of course, a lot of people go by the winter solstice (to determine) when winter begins, but that is a lot of bologna,” Price said. “I have studied the climate of Illinois and Charleston for many years and when we have an average temperature every day, like we do now, is when winter begins. So mid-winter is coming on time.”

Charleston was sprinkled with an inch of snow Monday, starting at around 1 p.m., Price said. The mercury dipped just below freezing point Monday night, with temperatures dropping to 30 degrees. Price predicts about half an inch of snow overnight Monday and heading into this morning.

Price said that the normal expectancy for the month is four inches and that Charleston has already been hit with about two inches.

“We need light, fluffy snow for

See SNOWY page 2



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor  
Kathy McMahon, a senior accounting major, works on cleaning off the snow from her car in the Taylor parking lot after the snowfall stopped Monday afternoon. McMahon travels on the snowy and icy roads to commute from Lovington, which is about 45 miles northwest of Charleston.

# Clerical workers to picket again

AFSCME union to reiterate call for better wages

By JUSTIN KMITCH  
Administration editor

Members of the American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees clerical/technical union 981 will be participating in an informational picket for the third time this semester to demand wage parity.

Union members will picket from 4 to 5 p.m. today outside of Old Main.

The union is scheduled to picket prior to and during Eastern’s Holiday Party, said Jean Ligget, office systems specialist.

“We are making every opportunity to bring information on parity issues into the community,” said Rick Prince, staff representative for AFSCME Council 31.

Prince said he expects 80 to 100 members to participate in the

See PICKET page 2

# New legislation offers tax credits for college

By AMY THON  
Student government

A tax credit passed by the United State’s Congress may save the parents of college students \$1,500 per year in tax returns.

The Hope Scholarship Credit was passed in the Tax Payer Relief Act of 1997 and allows parents with dependent college students to file for a tax credit on their 1998 tax return.

The scholarship is available to college freshman and sophomores

only, not juniors, seniors or transfer students. The credit is based on class level.

The tax credit pays for the first \$1,000 of tuition paid during 1998 and 50 percent of the second thousand. The maximum credit given is \$1,500 per year.

Lina Coffey, assistant bursar for student accounts, said one application requirement is that the student must not be receiving any scholarships or grants. The student

See HOPE page 2

# Ambassador's body to be moved from Arlington

WASHINGTON (AP) – Amid criticism over his burial at Arlington National Cemetery, the widow of former Ambassador Larry Lawrence said Monday she will have his body removed from the cemetery and taken to California.

She said the Arlington controversy would “preclude his resting there in peace.” The decision by Shelia Davis Lawrence followed questions about whether Lawrence, who was ambassador to Switzerland at the time of his death in 1996 and also a major contributor to the Democratic Party, really served in the Merchant Marine in 1945 and was wounded in action, as he had claimed.

Lawrence’s war record was a factor in his getting the unusual honor of burial at Arlington, but congressional investigators said last week they had searched military records and found no evidence that

Lawrence was ever in the Merchant Marine.

In a letter to President Clinton, Mrs. Lawrence said, “I have decided to bring my late husband, M. Larry Lawrence, home to San Diego for interment.” The superintendent at Arlington Cemetery “will work with the family to honor this request,” the Army said in a statement.

“I remain convinced that Larry’s wish to be buried at Arlington was justified by his courageous service as an American ambassador, even as he suffered from a most painful and ultimately fatal blood disease,” Mrs. Lawrence wrote.

“I realize, however, that the controversy of the past few days precludes his resting there in peace.

“Though there is much that I still do not understand about recent events, I and those who knew my husband remember a life that,

although not perfect, was indelibly marked by kindness, compassion and love for his community and country,” Mrs. Lawrence wrote.

“No chorus of critics, no matter how loud, will ever change that,” she added.

In response, Clinton wrote Mrs. Lawrence that “I will of course ensure that the Department of Defense accommodates your wishes.”

He added, “I know this has been a difficult time for you and I sincerely hope that you find peace in the days ahead.” The New York Post reported Saturday that Lawrence was a full-time college student in March 1945 – the same month the Democratic campaign contributor claimed he was a Merchant Marine on a ship torpedoed off the Russian coast.

The furor over Lawrence’s burial site

erupted last week after Republican investigators were unable to find any records to document his claim of Merchant Marine service. Lawrence died after three years as ambassador to Switzerland and was provided a waiver to be buried in the nation’s most prominent military cemetery.

On Friday, White House spokesman Mike McCurry acknowledged that Arlington was “a place of sacred honor to all Americans, and no one should be buried there who has falsified records.”

But he turned away questions on whether someone’s remains should be removed if it turned out he lied about his record.

McCurry spoke after Clinton ordered an investigation into whether Lawrence fabricated the World War II service that was cited in his ambassadorial nomination and later used to justify his burial at Arlington.

## New Zealand prime minister takes office

Jenny Shipley is nation’s first woman in position

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) – The nation that first gave women the right to vote got its first woman prime minister on Monday, when Jenny Shipley formally assumed office.

Shipley ousted Jim Bolger as head of the ruling conservative National Party one month ago. Bolger agreed to step aside when it became clear he would lose a fight over the party leadership.

Shipley named her Cabinet last Friday, promoting a group of economic hard-liners to key posts, including the ministries of health, welfare, education and commerce.

## Police officer fired for hearing impairment

PARK FOREST (AP) – Former Police Officer William Tucker hugged his chief after he was fired because of his hearing impairment. Then he vowed to fight his dismissal.

Tucker, 42, sat surrounded by family and friends on Saturday when the Park Forest Fire and Police Commission voted to fire him after a week-long hearing.

“As you can see, I am very lucky,” Tucker said. “The support I have received from my family and friends has been tremendous. I know this support will continue, and this gives me the will to go on with the civil proceedings.” Director of Police Robert Maeyama sought the firing, claiming Tucker’s hearing impairment prevented him from performing his duties as an officer. He shook Tucker’s hand and embraced him after the hearing.

“This individual has been a part of our family for nine years,” Maeyama said. “If

this had been a discipline problem, this wouldn’t be so tough.” The village has offered Tucker other jobs, but he has refused.

He has asked the Illinois Department of Human Rights to reinstate him.

Tucker has had a hearing impairment since birth and wears hearing aids in both ears. The department hired him in October 1988 despite the impairment, said his lawyer, Michelle Smith.

“During his nine years in the police department, he served them and the community safely and effectively,” Smith said. “His superiors continued to rank his performance as a police officer as superior. There was no just cause to terminate him.” Tucker continued to pass the required annual physical evaluation until 1996, but his superiors immediately noted problems caused by his hearing impairment, Maeyama said.

“We felt that the doctors that had exam-

ined him were not understanding the essential functions that he was required to do,” Maeyama said.

Tucker’s superiors cited 15 incidents since 1990 that they said demonstrate that his hearing impairment substantially interferes with his ability to perform his duties.

The cases listed include times when Tucker allegedly had difficulty hearing radio traffic, failed to respond to a call, had trouble distinguishing sounds and voices, failed to hear a nearby altercation or another officer’s attempts to get his attention, and failed to hear a fellow officer give information that may have helped catch a suspect sooner.

Tucker was forced on medical leave after Maeyama said he missed a radio call about an armed robbery in April. Tucker has denied missing the call, and no one was hurt in the robbery. But a hearing specialist concluded Tucker should not be doing this line of work, Maeyama said.

Shipley received Queen Elizabeth II’s assent to govern this Commonwealth nation in a short ceremony at Government House on Monday.

Shipley, a former social welfare minister, plans to focus on social policy. She triggered street marches when she slashed welfare supports in the early 1990s.

“Many people have high expectations of me,” Shipley said Monday.

After the ceremony, she returned to Parliament to chair her first cabinet meeting as prime minister.

Before handing in his warrant of office, Bolger told reporters he felt “a tinge of sadness” at leaving. Government sources say Bolger will retire from Parliament next year to become New Zealand’s ambassador to the United States.

New Zealand became the first self-governing nation in the world where women had the right to vote after Parliament passed the Electoral Bill in 1893.

## PICKET

from page one

picket.

The picket is the result of continuing failed contract negotiations between AFSCME and Eastern administration.

“The goal of this informational picket is to continue to keep pressure on the university until we get a fair agreement,” Prince said.

AFSCME clerical/technical union 981 represents about 200 Eastern employees,

who hold positions including secretaries, transcribers and typists.

Clerical and technical workers have been struggling for a wage increase since June.

“(Eastern administrators) need to see that these are hard working employees and they deserve better wages,” Prince said. “We know they have the money and it’s time for them to give it to these hard work-

## HOPE

from page one

can not receive credit if the parent’s combined income level is above \$100,000 for the year, Coffey said.

She also said if the student has a loan they can still consider the credit to help pay back the loan.

Coffey said students do not need to apply for the scholarship, the accounting office will determine if a student is eligible when

the tax return is filed. This will be done in 1999 for the 1998 calendar year, Coffey said.

The tax relief act is available to all college students in the nation, whether they attend a private or public institution.

Coffey said she strongly advises students and parents to contact their tax preparer to find out if they are eligible.

ing employees.”

Ligget said the workers have received more support since their last picket on Nov. 12.

“Dr. (Herman) Taylor, music professor, has written a letter to President (David) Jorns in support of us and the UPI (University Professionals of Illinois) executive board sent a letter to Jorns in support of our push parity,” she said.

## SNOWY

from page one

Christmas Eve,” Price said. “This is good snow for making snowballs and snowmen.”

While the holiday season nips at our noses, the question lingers of whether Charleston will see a white Christmas.


“A chance for a white Christmas in one in every four years,” Price said, adding that Charleston is due for one.

## The Daily Eastern News

The Daily Eastern News is published daily, Monday through Friday, in Charleston, Illinois, during fall and spring semesters and twice weekly during the summer term except during school vacations or examinations, by the students of Eastern Illinois University. Subscription price: \$38 per semester, \$16 for summer only, \$68 all year. The Daily Eastern News is a member of The Associated Press which is entitled to exclusive use of all articles appearing in this paper. The editorials on Page 4 represent the majority opinion of the editorial board; all other opinion pieces are signed. The Daily Eastern News editorial and business offices are located in the MLK University Union Gallery, Eastern Illinois University. To contact editorial and business staff members, phone (217) 581-2812, fax (217) 581-2923 or email curib4@pen.eiu.edu. Periodical postage paid at Charleston, IL 61920. **ISSN 0894-1599**.

Printed by Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920.

Postmaster: Send address changes to The Daily Eastern News, MLK University Union Gallery, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920.




### NEWS STAFF

Editor in chief.....Reagan Branham*	Advertising mgr.....Jason Young
Managing editor.....Matt Adrian*	Co-design & graphics mgr.....Kori Wiltz
News editor.....Deana Poole*	Co-design & graphics mgr.....Mollie Ross
Assoc. news editor.....Jill Jedlowski*	Sales mgr.....Julie Koeller
Editorial page editor.....Chuck Burke*	Promotions mgr.....Jodie Resedean
Activities editor.....Lauren Kraft	Student bus. mgr.....Trenton Gorrell
Administration editor.....Justin Kmlitch	Assistant bus. mgr.....Tonia Kocher
Campus editor.....Heather Cygan	Assistant bus. mgr.....Betsy Jewell
City editor.....Jaime Hodge	General mgr.....Glenn Robinson
Student government editor.....Amy Thon	Editorial adviser.....John Ryan
Features editor.....Theresa Gavlin	Publications adviser.....David Reed
Photo editor.....Ikuya Kurata	Press supervisor.....Johnny Bough
Assoc. photo editor.....Anna Betzelberger	Office Manager.....Sara Schnepel
Sports editor.....Denise Renfro	Classified Ad Manager.....Missa Beck
Assoc. sports editor.....Matt Wilson	Subscriptions mgr.....Cheri Conley
Verge editor.....Racheal Carruthers	
Assoc. Verge editor.....Jonathon Swanson	

\* Denotes editorial board

### NIGHT STAFF

Night chief.....Chuck Burke	Asst. night editor.....Racheal Carruthers
Night editor.....Matt Adrian	Asst. night editor.....Jaime Hodge
Sports night editor.....Matt Wilson	Copy desk.....Deana Poole, Jill Jedlowski
Photo editor.....Anna Betzelberger	



Better Ingredients.  
Better Pizza.

# 348-8282

426 W. Lincoln

### 1 large Cheese pizza


\$5<sup>99</sup> + tax

### 2 large Cheese pizzas

\$11<sup>99</sup> + tax

Add toppings 90¢ Exp 12/19/97

### Perfect Lunch or Midnight Munch

small two topping pizza & two 

Valid Only 10am-4pm 9pm to close

\$5<sup>99</sup> + tax

Add toppings 90¢ Exp 12/19/97

### STUDY PAK

1 Large 1 Topping & order of breadstix & 2 liter of coke

\$11<sup>99</sup> + tax

Add toppings \$1.10 Exp 12/19/97



# Memorial service set for Eastern student

Matthew Franks to be honored Wednesday by students, faculty

By HEATHER CYGAN  
Campus editor

A memorial service will be held Wednesday for Matthew Franks, a junior health studies major, who died in November of complications from an asthma attack.

The service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Keith Kohanzo, a student judicial housing officer, said he assumes the service will be relatively brief.

This is not a typical procedure for all students, but the parents of Mr. Franks made an inquiry when this occurred and the university felt compelled to honor their suggestion, Kohanzo said.

"I understand that Mr. Franks had a fair number of friends on campus

and he was very close with his roommate," Kohanzo said.

Since many friends probably were unable to attend the funeral service the memorial will present an "opportunity for them to express their condolences," Kohanzo said.

Mr. Franks parents and Rabbi Norman Klein, of Champaign, will preside at the memorial service.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend the memorial service, Kohanzo said.

Kohanzo was not privileged to know Mr. Franks, but said he is in charge of the memorial service because he was the student affairs administrator on duty the week he passed away.

Mr. Franks, 21, suffered a severe asthma attack Nov. 10 in his room in Taylor Hall.

Around 8 a.m. he began to experience difficulty in breathing, according to a press release from the university.

After being flown to Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Mr. Franks died at 1:29 p.m. Nov. 10.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

## Young stringers

Cello players in the Charleston Youth Orchestra concentrate on playing the "Rudolph/Holly Jolly Christmas Medley," Monday night in the Tarble Arts Center.

# Listserv to add faster communication for union members

By JUSTIN KMITCH  
Administration editor

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois will now be capable of maintaining constant communication with its members thanks to a new listserv service.

"A listserv will provide all bargaining unit members with a convenient and reliable way to discuss union issues," said Eastern's UPI Chapter Vice President Bill Weber.

Chapter President Laurent Gosselin is also optimistic about

“A listserv is a great way to communicate with people using e-mail, but it is only available to those who subscribe. If a member has concerns with union issues, they can be in tune with those issues.

– Laurent Gosselin,  
president of Eastern's chapter of UPI

the new service.

"A listserv is a great way to communicate with people using e-mail, but it is only available to those who subscribe," Gosselin said.

"If a member has concerns with union issues, they can be in tune with those issues.

"It is such an immediate form of communication. You can use newsletters to reach an audience,

but the audience doesn't always have a way to communicate back."

Weber said sometimes there is a need to get information sooner than a newsletter would allow. For example, he said a newsletter takes at least a week to design and mail out, whereas sometimes faculty members need to have access to information quicker than that.

"The listserv was started up Dec. 1, and we had over 50 members subscribe in the first two days," Weber said.

"I would estimate that there are now 50 to 100 members currently

subscribed.

"The listserv is only available to those covered by the UPI contract. Those 600 bargaining unit members include about 475 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 100 annually contracted faculty and 50 academic support professionals."

Weber said all members are encouraged to participate, or at least simply subscribe to the listserv to get the most recent information.

"The list is closed to people we represent, the bargaining union," Gosselin said.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

## Map maker

Megan Mosinski, a senior geology major, works on making a map of Illinois using computers in the cartology lab in the Physical Science building Monday night.

# BOT to hold teleconference call

Agenda includes microscope, construction services approval

By KRISTA LEWIN  
Staff writer

Eastern's Board of Trustees executive committee Wednesday will meet via telephone conference call to discuss the purchase approvals for an electron microscope and construction management services.

The conference call will be conducted at 11 a.m. in the President's Conference Room in Old Main. The meeting is open to the public.

"This is not the first time the board has met by phone," said Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president.

"Some of the members are located in Chicago, Effingham and Rock Island."

Nilsen said the board must meet now instead of in January because they have to decide on the two purchase approvals. If the board waits, the time

frame for the university to receive the bid price will expire.

One of the purchase approvals being discussed is for a scanning electron microscope, which will be used in the School of Technology.

The cost of the microscope is \$183,140, which includes hardware and software expenses. The funds for the microscope will come from restricted current funds.

"I believe it (restricted current funds) comes from grant dollars," Nilsen said.

The agenda also includes a purchase approval for construction management services.

The contract will be for project programming, design management and construction oversight for 10 campus improvement bond issue capital projects.

The contract is based on total estimated time and reimbursable expenses.

The cost for the project is \$250,000, including a \$25,000 contingency. The fund source for the project is local revenue bond funds.

Scholastic  
Recognition

COMPUTER OPERATORS WANTED

Part-time and Full-time  
positions available  
2nd semester

Must have desktop experience,  
QuarkXpress, Pagemaker.

Call 345-9194

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing  
Peoria, Illinois  
NLN Accredited

Full & part-time study available  
each Fall & Spring semester  
Admissions Office  
511 NE Greenleaf Street  
Peoria IL 61603-3783 Ph: (309) 655-2596

Oldetowne Management Inc.  
1408 Sixth Street 217/345-6533  
Now Leasing for '98-'99

\*Oldetowne Apts.      \*Heritage Apts.  
345-OLDE      4th & Buick St. Apts.

# Opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the Editorial Board. □  
Columns are the opinion of the author.

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

PAGE 4

## Touch-tone policing program may benefit course registration

The Council on Academic Affairs may be pushing the right buttons when looking into adding a prerequisite screening process to the touch-tone registration system.

Currently, prerequisites for courses are given in the university catalogue and are marked in each semester's registration catalogue. But nothing stops a student from registering for a course for which he or she has not yet taken the prerequisites.

## Editorial

CAA Chair Mary Durkin Wohlrabe said the CAA is now looking into how often difficulties arise when students take a course before they may be ready for it. If the CAA finds that this is a common problem, Eastern may buy a service, similar to that of other universities, to help rectify the situation.

The touch-tone policing would guide confused students through the registration process by letting them know when they are trying to register for a class they are not ready for.

The touch-tone addition also would alleviate the headaches of those students who are qualified to enroll in certain upper-division courses but are denied access because of limited seats.

This service would be the missing piece to the graduation puzzle for many Eastern students.

Moreover, the screening process would likely make faculty members' jobs easier by reducing the number of students who are stuck in classes they aren't prepared to take.

Officials at Illinois State University, which has the "edit" option with its touch-tone registration, have found that more students are able to get into the classes they need sooner because of the touch-tone system.

With this service in place, Illinois State is able to stop a student from registering for classes if he or she has not completed the prerequisites, is not in the correct major, or does not have a high enough grade point average, among other requirements.

Eastern students also could benefit from touch-tone service similar to Illinois State's. Not only would it help students stay out of classes they aren't ready for, it may also free up a few seats in those hard-to-get classes for upper-class students.

## “today's quote

Man seems to be a rickety poor sort of thing .... A machine that was unreliable as he is would have no market.

– Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)  
American writer (1835-1910)

## Administrators needs Santa Claus' help, too

Among the millions of wish lists being mailed to Old Saint Nick this month is a letter from an Eastern administrator in dire need of help and a few presents for the university.



DEANA POOLE  
Regular columnist

Dear Santa,  
It's me again. Now I know I wrote you last year asking for the same things, but this year I swear I've been good, er, uh, well, anyway I've wrote down a few ideas you can bring me and my fellow co-workers for Christmas.

First off, you have to bring us a clone for Eastern President David Jorns so he does not have to attend all these meetings and events. He gets tired and, well, he still needs to be able to say he is "visible" on campus.

We also are in need of a few more ways to consolidate the university. Money is tight and the more programs we can combine, the more money we can save for ourselves.

Speaking of money, if you could send some our way we really need it. We are tossing around the idea of adding another overpaid, unneeded administrative position. We don't have very many of those, you know?

And the parking situation ... we have got to get more staff parking spaces. We have to walk almost a foot to get the door, and our old knees can't take it!

As you know Santa, we have very few degree programs here at Eastern. We think we need another type of degree for that atypical student. I'm sure there is some student somewhere whose needs we don't meet. What about those "I don't go to class or do homework, but I still want a degree" students? You can't forget those kind of students.

And well, we are all going through major withdrawals. We all miss Diamond Rio and want them again this year for the spring concert ... oops, guess that's out of the ques-

*"We have got to get more staff parking spaces. We have to walk almost a foot to get the door, and our old knees can't take it!"*

tion.  
We need the university's Internet server to crash a few more times each day. Students should not be able to access library materials and e-mail their friends all the time. They should be doing things the hard way. In my day, we had to write letters and walk five miles to the post office and actually had to read books to find information.

Don't forget about last year's request of a different variety of food for food service. We need to keep our student enrollment to about 11,000 somehow.

And we also are looking into new fabric material ... we ran out of wool after "pulling it over the eyes" of those Council on Academic Affairs members last week. We were thinking polyester, but if you have another fabric in mind, we'd appreciate your input – we are always open to that type of feedback.

And last but certainly not least, Santa, we need two new giant-size rubber stamps. The President's Council and the Board of Trustees have worn out the rubber on theirs and we need to get new ones as soon as possible.

I appreciate this ... I know the list is long but we are all deserving.

Love,  
Your favorite Eastern administrator

And after licking the stamp and placing the letter to Santa in the mailbox, the Eastern administrator wonders if Santa will forgive and forget this year or fill his stockings with another half ton of coal.

– Deana Poole is a semimonthly columnist and news editor for The Daily Eastern News. Her e-mail address is [cudmp2@pen.eiu.edu](mailto:cudmp2@pen.eiu.edu).



## Homosexuals won't be 'normal' by singling out their own special day

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Michael Postma's letter to the editor, "Coming Out Day was a chance for everyone to see where they fit in."

Really, what are you trying to prove? "You say that blue jeans were chosen as a symbol to "show support" and because of your "need to fit in." You're the one placing yourself in a different category.

Seriously, if you need a "symbol" of a "designated day" to make yourself feel "normal," then there is no question of one's normality ... just an individual looking for attention! There is nothing wrong with being proud of yourself for who you are, but I don't feel the need to go around

## your turn

praising my heterosexuality.

If you want to be treated normally, then stop treating your homosexuality as an abnormality! Maybe it helps the people who have AIDS (or people who know people who do) to have AIDS awareness days, just as it helps big drinkers to go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and say, "My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm an alcoholic," but being homosexual is not a disease, so stop treating it like it is!

Everyone is "harassed" and/or "harmed" at one time or another, whether it is because you're the short kid, the fat one and so forth. If you want to "grow as a society," then don't act as if gay people belong to their own society.

You're no different than the next

man just because you're gay! If you're ashamed of being homosexual, that's your own problem ... learn to deal with it.

Jennifer Clifford  
junior elementary education

## Letter policy

The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues.

They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students must indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.



Jorns has much to do with selection process of distinguished alumni

To the editor:

In response to my Nov. 3 guest column, “A white, male future for Jorns’ ‘universe,’” James Wilhelm, immediate past president of Eastern’s Alumni Association, presents us with a Dec. 4 guest column, “Attack on Jorns seems a personal problem.”

Wilhelm’s central aim is to assure Eastern’s immediate and extended communities that “*President Jorns had absolutely nothing to do with the selection of the five people who received the distinguished alumnus awards*” in 1997 (italics his).

This adamant assurance is alarming because, if true, it suggests – on the parts of both Wilhelm and Jorns – an ignorance or disregard of, or unexplained deviation from Eastern’s Internal Governing Policies, specifically the section titled “Distinguished Alumnus Awards” (Policy No. 98), wherein it is mandated that nominations for such awards “are made by the Distinguished Alumnus Awards Committee, with final selection made by the President” (italics mine).

The policy requires Eastern’s president to appoint members of that awards committee: “Each year the Director of Alumni Services shall recommend to the President the names of not more than three faculty members for possible membership on the committee. The President shall appoint one from this group” (italics mine).

Likewise, regarding the alumni member of that awards committee: “Each year the Director of Alumni Services and the President of the Alumni Association shall recommend jointly two alumni for membership on the committee. The President shall appoint one person to the committee” (italics mine).

The awards-committee members, chosen by the president, “shall be contacted by the President about serving” (italics mine).

As to the selection of recipients of distinguished alumnus awards, the policy states, “The Distinguished Alumnus Awards Committee shall make its report and recommendation to the President by May 15” (italics mine). Recall that the “final selection” is “made by the President.”

The designated “Monitor” of this policy is none other than Eastern’s president, David Jorns.

Wilhelm emphasizes a distinction between the Alumni Association and Eastern’s Alumni Services, presumably to distance Alumni Services – and thus, again, Jorns’ administration – from this year’s absence of females and minorities from the group of recipients of distinguished alumnus awards. However, as noted, the director of alumni services is mandated by Policy No. 98 to participate in choosing members of the distinguished alumnus awards committee.

Also noteworthy is this requirement of the aforementioned policy: “The Director of Alumni Services shall serve as an ex-officio member” of the awards committee.

Policy No. 98, “Distinguished Alumnus Awards,” in Eastern’s Internal Governing Policies, was approved by the President’s Council on Feb. 1, 1989, and most recently on July 16, 1997. One can justifiably assume the “Monitor” of Policy No. 98, President Jorns, read the policy five months ago when he and the President’s Council approved it. How comes it, then, in Wilhelm’s adamant words, “*President Jorns had absolutely nothing to do with the selection of the five people who received the distinguished alumnus awards*”?

A copy of Policy No. 98, for anyone who cares to read and learn it, can probably be had from its “Monitor,” President Jorns.

David Carpenter  
English professor

Community Blood Services’ new marketing ploy

In an earlier guest column, I noted how Community Blood Services of Illinois (CBSI) markets that it serves “only local people.” This is based on what CBSI or its clients communicate to Coles County! I don’t make this up; I’ve been told this. CBSI wants people to think that only it represents the local need. Indeed, local blood agencies like CBSI are created for “perceived” local needs. CBSI wants to counter the “big brother” image that is given to the American Red Cross. (I can say that because Jim MacPherson, executive director of America’s Blood Centers, said just that – the American Red Cross has “abandoned community in favor of nation.”) CBSI’s latest report announced a changed in the tenor of its marketing.

The new CBSI report stresses that *now* it is “regional.” This is *another* marketing ploy. It created a “link” to other local “blood centers” via America’s Blood Centers. CBSI presents that this link makes it regional.

This year-old entity called America’s Blood Centers is a collection of local blood centers scattered all over America. It is an attempt to copy the American Red Cross’s NIMS. In other words, CBSI merely duplicated the very monster it claims to avoid! Prior to this linking of various blood centers, the only immediate source of specialty or emergency blood product was the Red Cross.



BRYAN G. MILLER  
Guest columnist

“The new Community Blood Services of Illinois report stresses that now it is ‘regional.’”

What I presented in my earlier report was that the Red Cross *already* is a system of local volunteers, community blood banks and hospitals that are the *basis* of a single, national inventory system (NIMS).

The CBSI report says that the Red Cross has fewer “blood centers” than ABC. This is true. However, the Red Cross also constitutes some 1.4 million volunteers – like your neighbors in Charleston, at Eastern or elsewhere across the country! CBSI just ignored you! Indeed, *we* who do these blood drives (that CBSI wants to ignore) collect 80 percent or more of the blood supplied by the Red Cross!

CBSI also brags that it collects enough blood to share/sell (through ABC) about *one-third* to other regions and, in another breath, *complains* that Coles is not donating enough blood for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center’s needs! It sounds like CBSI needs more blood

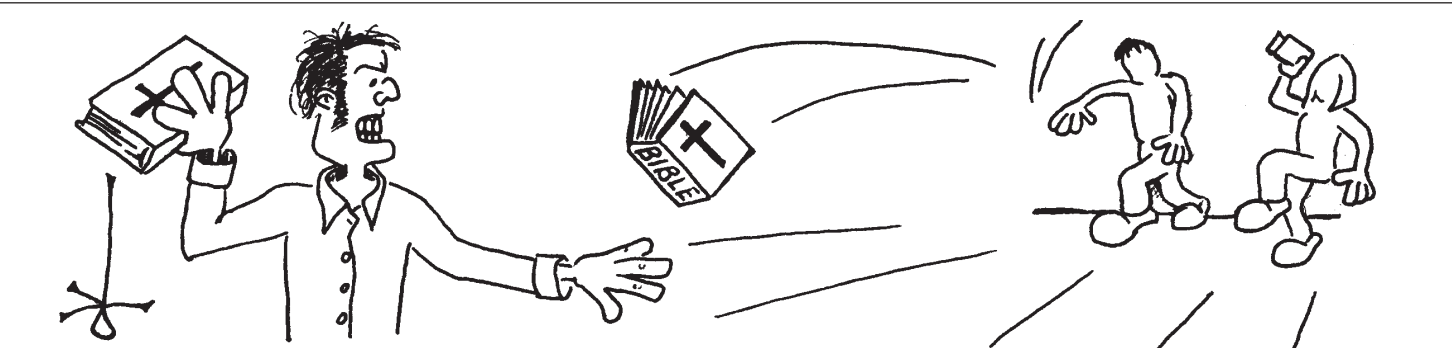
to sell or it just wants to grow as it now markets its “regional player” image. So much for its “local blood” image.

CBSI opened a donor center near Sarah Bush Lincoln that collects blood every week. CBSI, with its “classy” TV ads and its local image, still cannot draw in “enough” donors. Why not? Can it be that CBSI is *not* that local? Can it be that us “small-town people” aren’t buying the image? Could this “image” be just that – vaporous with no substance? You decide.

CBSI says that we don’t donate enough blood. Remember that Coles County has one of the *highest rates* of donation in two states! Can it be that Coles *chooses* to donate elsewhere – with the Red Cross? You decide.

CBSI wants you to think that this choice is merely about taking blood. As a matter of fact, CBSI does not go into new areas (like Coles) and develop its own network of collection sites. It has looked for organizations that collect for the Red Cross and has told them that if they donate to the Red Cross, they “owe it” to CBSI that they get to collect, too. That is the best reason they have to take your blood! In reality, you “owe” CBSI nothing!

– Bryan G. Miller is an associate professor of zoology and faculty sponsor for the EIU Blood Drive Committee.



Bible does denounce homosexuality and all other sexual immorality

To the editor:

In response to Jeffrey T. Varchmin’s letter to the editor printed on Nov. 18, I have this to say: I know it’s way in the back of the book, but you really should give the New Testament a look-see, specifically 1 Corinthians 6:9. Had you taken the time to search the New Testament before writing your letter, you would have found that the entire sixth chapter of 1 Corinthians denounces all forms of sexual immorality, including homosexuality. So it seems to me that it does matter, to quote Mr. Varchmin, “who puts what body part in whom.” The next time you’re searching for a source to support your opinion, I suggest using something other than the Bible.

Lacey Hawley  
junior music education major  
Don’t make assumptions; study Bible before using it to support arguments

To the editor:

I realize that we’re all tired of this issue, but I have to respond to Jeffrey Varchmin’s Nov. 18 letter to the editor, which used the example of Jesus Christ’s command in John 13:34 to “love one another” to argue that, biblically, homosexuality should be tolerated and accepted by the Christian community. References in 1 Corinthians 6:9 and Romans 1:27 of the New Testament clearly show God’s position on the subject. While the Old and New Testaments may appear to contradict each other, a thorough study reveals the Bible’s dynamic flow from Jewish laws and customs into a life governed by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

In his encounter with a woman caught in adultery, Jesus displays his love and acceptance of *people* while expressing his intolerance for sin. The Pharisees wanted to stone her, the punishment for such an offense. Jesus didn’t deny the guilt of the offender, he simply asked for the one without sin to cast the first stone. They all left. Jesus, the only sin-

less representative, said, “Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more” (John 8:11). He didn’t like what she had done, he told her to never do it again, but he still loved her.

When Christ commanded us to “love one another,” he used the Greek word *agape*, which in English translates into “right actions” or “right behavior.” It’s the kind of love that feeds on obedience and discipline, not emotions. It’s the kind of love that was manifested on the cross 2,000 years ago.

There have been many letters addressing biblical issues lately. I challenge you all: Don’t take my word for it or anyone else’s – before you make assumptions and conclusions about the Bible, explore it, study it, take it in its context, take it in its entirety and discover its truths for yourselves.

Joanna Giglio  
junior zoology major

In Bible, Jesus teaches people to love others, but not to love others’ sins

To the editor:

I am very saddened by the Nov. 18 letter to the editor written by Jeffrey Varchmin regarding Christianity and homosexuality. I would like to say that the Bible is spiritually discerned and what Jeffrey has done is taken passages out of context to support his argument. The problem is that you can’t take God’s word and use it to justify your desires. The Bible tells us who God is and why Jesus is our savior. If you are not seeking God and desiring to know him, you will not understand his word. I, like Jeffrey, used to take scripture out of context to justify my belief and place hypocrisy upon Christians. It wasn’t until I found Jesus as my savior that I began to understand God’s word and realize its power and perfection.

Jeffrey is right when he speaks of Jesus teaching love. Jesus teaches us to love everyone. He doesn’t, however, teach us to love the sin in people’s lives. If the love of God abides in your heart, you will attempt to help people recognize their sin and lead them to Jesus for deliverance. For God’s will is that *none* should perish and all be saved. True Christian hearts, children of God, will also have this desire branded in their hearts. Our

focus is not to belittle anyone but help them find eternal hope in Jesus rather than let them stay further from God clinging onto fleshly desires. Confronting our sin is very difficult and humbling. It’s important to have others there to help along the way. That is why Christ came for us and left us with the message to love one another.

Let us not criticize homosexuality because of our prejudices; that is a sin manifesting more sin. Let us instead bring the truth of God’s word with love and compassion with hunger to free those entangled in their own sin. Jeffrey, that is the love of God that Jesus preached and lived by for us to follow.

Justin Weiss  
sophomore political science major

Unjust, anti-homosexual statements can be found in Old, New Testaments

To the editor:

I, Jeffrey T. Varchmin, wish to make a correction to my Nov. 18 letter to the editor. I erroneously quoted text from 1 Corinthians, in which it is decreed that women must remain silent in church, which is from the New Testament, not the Old Testament as I stated. I have also discovered an anti-homosexual statement in 1 Corinthians as well. My argument remains the same; however, it now extends to both books of the Bible. If Matt Layette takes his truth from Paul, who authored the letter, then he cannot pick and choose his morals from it as he sees fit. Either he believes both women must be silent and homosexuals are sinners or he dismisses both of the statements.

Jesus unfortunately wasn’t able to edit what his followers wrote about him and his God, so some quite evil items were published as the “word of God.” It is a shame that many so-called Christians are purveyors of hate and injustice. Religion should, at its best, enlighten and bind people together, not close their minds and tear them apart. When those who would align themselves with Christianity take the Bible literally, they fail to see that they are doing the will of egocentric men who destroy life and not a God who creates it.

Jeffrey T. Varchmin  
junior special education major



# Shadowing steps into the spotlight

By JENNIFER THORSEN  
Staff writer

Eastern students can now participate in a new job shadowing program that will enable students to follow a professional in their field of interest.

The program is being sponsored by Career Services and Alumni Services and offers an opportunity for students and alumni to work on a less formal basis and is intended to provide good networking experience and resume building.

Linda Moore, Eastern's recruitment and development coordinator, is the creator of this program. Moore said the response from students has been greater than she

expected with over 100 students already having applied.

"In a day you will be able to see what a particular field requires and you can determine if the area is right for you before you make the commitment of an internship," Moore said.

In order to be eligible for the program, applicants must be an Eastern student, have a 2.8 grade point average, an online resume and have completed a Career Services Seminar.

The professionals consist of alumni and employers who have shown an interest in Eastern students in the past.

"The response from the alumni and professionals has also been

favorable. They have been very open," Moore said.

Students from a variety of majors are participating in the shadowing program. Students from graphic arts majors to environmentalists, chemists to accountants have applied, she said.

A student will spend one or two days to take in the culture of the workplace and will work on a one-on-one basis with a professional.

The shadowing will take place during spring and semester breaks and the first students to participate in this program will begin in December and January.

"This is a good experience for students without a lot of commitment," Moore said.

# Drum denied motion for new trial

By JAIME HODGE  
City editor

Thomas Drum, 24, of Mattoon, was denied a motion for a new trial or arrested judgment for his alleged role in the murder of Shane Ellison on Jan. 4.

On Aug. 28, Tom Glasson, attorney for Thomas Drum, filed a motion to grant a new trial or arrested judgment on the grounds that there was a variance between the information and evidence at the trial, according to court reports. Glasson also contended the verdicts reached by the jury were inconsistent, court reports stated.

Judge Ashton Waller ruled that the accountability and jury instructions were proper in regard to all three counts of the information and that the three verdicts were consistent, court reports stated.

Thomas Drum was convicted earlier this year of first-degree

murder, in which he kicked and hit Ellison with a hammer. He was acquitted of assisting in the strangulation of Ellison. Also in connection with the murder are Thomas Drum's brother, Charles Drum, 27, of Mattoon, and Marcus W. Douglas, 23, of Mattoon.

Thomas Drum was charged Jan. 17 for the Jan. 4 death of Ellison earlier this year. State's Attorney Steve Ferguson filed a motion for blood and hair standards on Jan. 28 to determine the extent of the part Drum played in Ellison's death. The standards were permitted and so ordered to be complied within two days by Judge Waller, court reports stated.

Glasson countered this on May 14 by filing a motion that said the state had since February to prepare for the trial and the extra time should not be allowed. However, Ferguson's motion was approved by Judge Waller.

The trial was held up again because on July 18, Ferguson made a motion to grant use of immunity since Thomas Drum's testimony was vital to the prosecution of his brother. The grant of immunity would allow the state to use his testimony without being damaging to Thomas's own case.

On Aug. 28, Glasson filed the motion to grant a new trial or arrest of judgment. However, Judge Waller ruled on Nov. 14 there was no variance between information and evidence at the trial and the evidence and law properly supported the jury instructions given. Also, the verdicts reached by the jury were not found to be inconsistent and were supported by the evidence.

No sentencing date has been set for Thomas Drum. He faces a minimum punishment of 20 years in prison.

Both Charles Drum and Douglas are scheduled for trial next year.

**Bell's Flower Corner**  
**Get Your Flowers & Plants For The Holidays**  
*1335 Monroe St. 345-3919*

**PARK PLACE APARTMENTS**  
**The only OFF Campus Housing ON Campus**  
(Located across from the Union on 7th Street)  
 **Now Leasing for FALL '98**

- 1, 2, & 3 Bedrm
- Central AC
- Furnished Units
- Balconies
- Free Parking
- Laundry
- Free Trash
- Dishwashers

**Open Houses Daily**  
**3-6 p.m. MTWThF**  
**call anytime 348-1479**  
**or stop by Manger's**  
**apartment at**  
**715 Grant St. Apt. 101**

**LIMITED**  
**1, 2, & 3**  
**Bedroom**  
**Apartments**  
**Left Act Fast!!**

designers  
**ad designers**  
designers wanted  
designers  
designers

apply for fall 1997 positions in the student  
publications gallery office or call mollie @ 581.2812

**Open at 8pm Tonight!**  
**Marty's**  
ON CAMPUS  
**\$1.00 16 oz Drafts**  
**PLUS**  
**Rolling Rock Buckets ONLY \$5**  
(refills \$4)  
**Christmas Party Tomorrow!**

**• Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits •**  
**345-7849 (STIX) 1412 4th St. Charleston**  
**Panther Club Sandwich..... \$4.50**  
**Pulled Pork Sandwich..... \$3.25**  
**Express Lunch Menu Available**  
**TUESDAY DINNER SPECIAL**  
**Chicken Fajita Wrap w/ side salad.....\$4.50**  
**Bud Light/Miller Light 16oz drafts.....\$1.50**  
**Budweiser Pub Glass.....\$1.50**  
**Try Our New "REAL" Hickory Smoked BBQ & Chicago Menu**  
**• Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits • Top 40 Hits •**

**\$2.00 ALL SEATS**  
**WILL ROGERS**  
**THEATRE**  
Downtown Charleston • 345-9222  
visit our website at [www.kerasotes.com](http://www.kerasotes.com)

**NOW SHOWING**  
**Starship Troopers R Fri Sat 7:00 9:45**  
**Sat Sun mat 2:00 Sun-Thur 7:00 only**  
**I Know What You Did Last Summer R**  
**F/S 7:30 10:00 S/S mat 2:15 S/T 7:30**  
**Now FREE REFILL on Popcorn & Drinks!**

**TONIGHT ONLY!**  
*last minute santas*  
**TOKEN'S ENTIRE E.I.U DEPARTMENT**  
**on Sale!**  
**20% off**  

- Clothing
- Glassware
- Hats
- Sweats and T's
- Kids stuff
- Jackets and pullovers

**20% off**  
**If it says E.I.U Then it's on Sale!**  
**University Village**  
**across from Old Main**  
**7pm - 10pm Only**

**SHOWPLACE 8**  
Off Rt. 16, east of 157 by Carle Clinic  
Mattoon: 234-8898 • Charleston: 348-8884  
**\$4.00 All Shows Before 6 pm**  
visit our website at [www.kerasotes.com](http://www.kerasotes.com)

**Shows & Times effective 12/5-11**  
**Sat Sun matinees in [brackets]**  
**Flubber PG**  
[1:45] 4:15 6:45 9:15  
**The Jackal R**  
[2:00] 4:45 7:30 10:10  
**Anastasia G**  
[1:00 \*3:15] 5:30 7:30 9:30  
**Home Alone 3 PG Sun \*3:30**  
**Boogie Nights R**  
[1:30] 5:00 8:15  
**The Rainmaker PG**  
[1:00] 4:00 7:00 10:00  
**Allen Resurrection R**  
[2:15] 4:45 7:15 9:45  
**Bean PG13**  
[2:30] 5:15 8:00 10:15  
**Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil R [1:15] 4:30 7:45**  
**sorry no 3:15 show of Anastasia on Sunday 12-7-97 due to Sneak**  
**Free Refill on Popcorn & Soft Drinks!**





ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor  
The Papa John's pizza slice takes time out to give platelets, while Stacey Link, a Pheresis technician from the American Red Cross Distributing Center in Saint Louis for Missouri and Illinois. Link checks information on a clipboard to see how long the slice can give platelets.

# Student to speak on global issues

By LAUREN KRAFT  
Activities editor

An Australian exchange student plans to promote contemplation and expand students' understanding of issues concerning the environment and endangered species. "Students have got to have the thought formed about helping the global environment," said Neville Tickner, Eastern student and Australian native. At 7:30 p.m. today in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium,

Tickner will kick off his second speech of the semester, entitled "Protecting Our Biodiversity: An Australian Perspective," and speak on the relativity of biodiversity to everyone's common good. "It all links together," Tickner said. "What is relevant for Australia is relevant for America in as much as the (endangered) animals (are concerned)." He will soon be selling calendars to support funding to help endangered species. These calendars are produced

by Threatened Species, an environmental organization based in Australia. Thirty to 40 of these calendars featuring several endangered animals will be sold on campus for \$3 each. The money will go to a local organization with less than adequate funding for their cause. His speech will focus on an update of what the United States is doing with chemical company label vagueness and the relativity of biodiversity to everyone's common good, Tickner said.

# Campus Clothesline to become annual event

Students brought in six car loads of donations during the first annual "Clothesline Across Campus." "The campus really came out strong," said Sara Groom, the new Panhellenic Council President. "This was a fabulous first year."

"Clothesline Across Campus" was held Tuesday through Thursday in the Library Quad and was sponsored by the Jr. Greek Council. A clothesline was placed across the Quad for students to hang clothes on to donate to various charities.

Groom said the clothes were donated to Catholic Charities in Mattoon. Groom said the charity was very grateful for the amount of donations the event drew. Because of the event's success, Groom said the "Clothesline Across Campus" will be an annual event.

# Red Cross expects 900 people in blood drive

By HEATHER CYGAN  
Campus editor

The American Red Cross wants you ... to give blood at its current blood drive being held until Dec. 12. "If you want your blood donation to be best utilized, donate to the American Red Cross," said Bryan Miller, a faculty sponsor of Eastern's blood drive committee. The Red Cross is expecting about 900 people to give blood throughout the course of the week, said Pat Easton, the manager of blood donation services for Missouri and Illinois for Red Cross. About 450 people are expected to come through each donation facility, located at Stevenson and Lawson halls, said Boris Okuka, a mobile unit assistant. At Stevenson Hall, the Red Cross expected to bring in about 100 Monday, but only received 60 donations during the day, Easton said. Lawson brought in 64 people, about 10 less than the Red Cross' daily estimate, Okuka said. Students can give blood Tuesday and Wednesday between 1 and 7 p.m. as well as Thursday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Donors will have a chance to win holiday shirts, small plush panther stuffed animals, and free pizza from Papa John's, Easton said. Lawson Hall will be set up to give platelets and whole blood in the basement and lobby. Stevenson

Hall will be taking whole donated blood in the lobby. Platelets help the blood to clot, Miller said. They can also help cancer and leukemia patients. Only 100 to 200 milliliters are drawn to get the platelets. Other perks of donating platelets is that donors will not even cross the possibility of becoming light-headed, and that the body replaces the platelets within three days, Miller said. In order to give blood, donors must weigh 110 pounds and not have gotten a tattoo, piercing or been sick recently, Miller said. If any of the above applies, speak with a nurse on site, he added. Donors have the option of getting notified in several weeks by the Red Cross of any viruses found after the blood screening is complete, Miller said. The American Red Cross organization is separate from the Community Blood Services of Illinois. CBSI is also a non-profit organization, but is not volunteer like the Red Cross, Miller said. Students may give blood in order to earn greek points, Miller said, but there is confusion as to where they can earn them. Donors can get points from both organizations, Miller said. If students give blood to the American Red Cross, they must receive donation forms or some other type of proof. Each individual will still receive credit to put toward community service, he added.

# Calm weekend in Charleston, only three citations given

Charleston residents and Eastern students had a calm weekend with only three citations being reported by the police. The citations include: ■ Helen G. McKinney, 27, of 520 W. Madison Ave., cited at 3:40 p.m. Thursday at 1460 East St. for retail theft. ■ Corey D. Edgington, 20, of 935 Second St., cited at 1:26 a.m.

Saturday in the 100 block of Harrison Avenue for possession/acceptance of alcohol by a minor. ■ Justus D. Upperman, 23, of 1420 Sixth St., cited at 1:40 a.m. Friday on the corner of Van Buren Avenue and Fourth Street for driving under the influence, improper lane usage and for driving with an expired registration sticker.

Congratulations to the NEW Initiates of  
KAPPA DELTA

Jenne Brdlik  
Brenda Russell  
Kim Wadhams  
Amy McGoogan  
Jess Baker  
Kristen King  
Erin Florczak  
Amber Hoerner  
Courtney Nabhan  
Alicia Acker  
Jamie Armbruster  
Jill Bacevich  
Michelle Bahnfleth  
Jamie Garner  
Nicole Beck  
Amy Becker  
Angie Beckman  
Teresa Benson  
Annie Bergeron  
Nicole Bernat  
Brigid Berry  
Amie Bligh  
Kimberly Bogda  
Jenny Bosvay  
Ciara Bozarth  
Stacey Bradford  
JoAnn Brown  
Tammie Brydun  
Kim Cajka

Heather Caroselli  
Tracy Cavanaugh  
Barbie Chenault  
Laura Chillmon  
Erin Coleman  
Becky Crutcher  
Allison Daniel  
Jen Dobie  
Alison Driscoll  
Aimee Dyxin  
Eryn Eglinton  
Beth Elke  
Kelly Fairchild  
Melissa Figler  
Julie File  
Nikki Finke  
Cori Franz  
Katy Friefeld  
Nikki Frost  
Erin Gaffey  
Jamie Gillespie  
Erica Gumbrell  
Suzie Greenhill  
Jennifer Gugliotta  
Missy Hampton  
Stephanie Hanks  
Christina Higby  
Allison Hogan

Jenny Hoskinson  
Maggie Honemann  
Jill Hurley  
Michelle Jacobellis  
Carolyn Janes  
Amber Kelsey  
Jenny Klunkovski  
Rita Lazar  
Erica Linge  
Allison Lloyd  
Mary McConnell  
Michelle McCormick  
Meghan McGovern  
Cara McGreal  
Liz McKavetz  
Shannon McNulty  
Cathy Michalides  
Mary Ann Mueller  
Suzie Munson  
Patti Munster  
Sara Nelson  
Kim Olson  
Serena Pace  
Bridget Pehr  
Rebecca Penio  
Liz Peskowits  
Sarah Peters  
Amber Plocher

Erica Price  
Melissa Rainey  
Linnea Rath  
Elizabeth Rayhill  
Melissa Riley  
Jen Rodriguez  
Missy Roeder  
Melissa Rosignol  
Julie Ruyle  
Christine Schavitz  
Julie Schimmelpfenning  
Julie Schnieder  
Monica Schwegel  
Traci Serven  
Krista Shoemaker  
Kelly Smith  
Jessica Stevens  
Heather Stood  
Jamie Tanner  
Angie Thatcher  
Stacy Waldrup  
Meaghan Waterous  
Katie Wegner  
Erin Welcher  
Lyndsey Williams  
Stacie Williams  
Jamie Wise  
Stacey Wolf  
Ginger Woolsey

designers wanted

the daily eastern news design & graphics department is now hiring ad designers for Spring 98. apply in person at the student publications business office located in the Gallery of the Union.

(graphic design majors are encouraged to apply)







# Three Dekalb men arrested in trafficking date rape drug

DEKALB (AP) – A statewide grand jury has indicted three northern Illinois men on charges of dealing the so-called date rape drug, Attorney General Jim Ryan said Monday.

The eight-count indictment includes charges of possession, sale and trafficking of the drug GHB, or gamma hydroxy butyrate. The odorless, tasteless depressant causes euphoria in low doses. But in higher doses, it can bring on seizures, breath-

ing problems, coma and death.

Gov. Jim Edgar added GHB to the state's list of illegal drugs in August because it is sometimes slipped into drinks to knock out women so they can be raped.

"The drug is used as a weapon against women," Ryan said in announcing the indictments. "We will not tolerate its existence in Illinois." Named in the indictments are William Bryant, 24, of Sycamore; Todd Miller, 21, of DeKalb; and Richard

Seldal, 30, of DeKalb.

Seldal has turned himself in to authorities, and the other two were expected to do so by Tuesday, authorities said.

The drugs are often used on college campuses, but it is unclear whether the three men distributed any of the GHB at nearby Northern Illinois University, Ryan spokesman Charles Jolie said.

NIU officials said GHB has not been a major problem on

campus.

"We haven't seen a huge amount of it here," NIU spokeswoman Melanie Magara said.

"We don't know exactly where they intended to distribute them," Jolie said officers are still investigating whether the drugs were linked to any rapes.

Officials began the investigation in October when an undercover narcotics officer bought a bottle of GHB from Miller,

authorities said.

The indictment alleges that Seldal arranged for the drugs to be sent from California to Bryant's home in Sycamore. Seldal took some of those drugs to sell and Bryant sold the remaining GHB, authorities said.

Officers seized 12 bottles, each containing 100 pills, during the investigation, Jolie said.

Court dates for the three men had not been set, Jolie said.

## Infant receives liver transplant at 5-days-old

LONDON (AP) – A 5-day-old baby who received a new liver – cut down to one-eighth of its original size – has become the world's youngest liver transplant patient.

Dark-haired Baebhen Schuttke, born with a disease that killed her two brothers, laughed and gurgled Monday through a news conference called to announce the operation.

"She's just like any normal baby ... it's almost easy to forget how close we came to losing her," said her Irish mother, Ita.

Mrs. Schuttke, 30, and her German husband, Jurgen, 33, were referred to King's College Hospital in London, the largest transplant center for children in Europe, as first one son then another died.

Two days after her birth in Dublin, Baebhen was diagnosed with the same condition, neonatal hemochromatosis, which causes a buildup of iron in the liver. She was flown by air ambulance to King's College Hospital.

There, doctors told the Schuttkes there was a chance for Baebhen.

# UV-related amphibian deaths raise concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) – Biologists have shown for the first time that excess ultraviolet rays from natural sunlight kills amphibians, an ominous sign of the dangers of solar radiation leaking through a thinning ozone layer.

Oregon State University researchers found that natural sunlight contains enough ultraviolet-B radiation to kill most embryos of the long-toed salamander in mountain lakes of the Cascade Mountain Range, a home for the animals for thousands of years. Salamanders shielded from UVB were able to reproduce normally in the lakes, said Andrew Blaustein, leader of the Oregon

“We were stunned by our findings. This is proof that excess UVB radiation in nature can cause death and deformity in this species.”

– Andrew Blaustein, Oregon State University researcher

team.

"We were stunned by our findings," said Blaustein. "This is proof that excess UVB radiation in nature can cause death and deformity in this species." A report on the study was being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Other scientists said the study sharpens concern about the thinning of the natural ozone layer of the atmosphere that normally shields the Earth from high levels of UVB. Studies have shown that the ozone layer has been eroded by industrial chemicals, principally chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigeration.

Most such chemicals are being phased out or have been banned worldwide, but the chemicals from earlier years remain in the atmosphere and continue to affect the ozone layer. Among the effects is the so-called ozone hole that forms annually over the Antarctic, but similar thinning has been detected over North America.

Blaustein said the findings strongly support the theory that increased solar UVB has played a role in the worldwide decline of a number of amphibian species.

Most of these animals reproduce by laying eggs in jelly-like masses in shallow water where they can be affected by solar UVB radiation.

# Free trade zone ahead for Eastern Union and Mexico

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) – The European Union and Mexico signed an agreement Monday that provides for vastly enlarged economic and political cooperation and sets them en route to a free trade zone.

"We are opening a new and ambitious relationship with the European Union," Mexican Foreign Minister Jose Angel Gurria said at a signing ceremony with EU foreign ministers. "Europe today is a priority of our foreign policy." He said Mexico sought a trustworthy partner for a common front against attempts to

dictate the terms of global trade.

Without naming Washington, he said Mexico and Europe are upset about "unilateral views ... which threaten international law" – an apparent jab at American efforts to punish non-U.S. companies for trading with Cuba.

Under the accord, Mexico and the 15-nation EU pledged to work together for a "progressive and bilateral" reduction of tariffs, leading eventually to a free-trade zone. Both sides also committed to respecting human rights.

The EU and Mexico will form a special panel to draft a free-

trade zone. Negotiations are to open in 1998 but there's no deadline for their completion.

European sources said free trade negotiations are bound to be painful as several EU capitals fear a free-trade deal would leave their industries and farming sector overexposed to Mexican competition.

However, the EU is increasingly worried that European companies are losing out to U.S. competitors since Mexico signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994.

The EU-Mexico panel also

will work on improving cooperation in 30 areas including fighting the drug trade, protecting the environment and promoting tourism. Also, the EU and Mexico agreed their leaders would hold regular summit meetings and that Mexican ministers would meet frequently with the EU to coordinate policies.

Trade between Mexico and the EU totaled \$11.2 billion in 1996. A decade ago, trade with Europe represented 14 percent of Mexico's overall trade, a level that has dropped to 6 percent.

# classified advertising

Personals

TAMMANY OLSON AND MARY KATHERINE KINATE OF ASA- Congrats on being elected Greek Week Overall! Alpha love, Your sisters.  
12/9  
MAUREEN- It has been fun being at school with you the past two and a half years. Congrats! You are finally done. I will miss you. Love, Allison.  
12/9

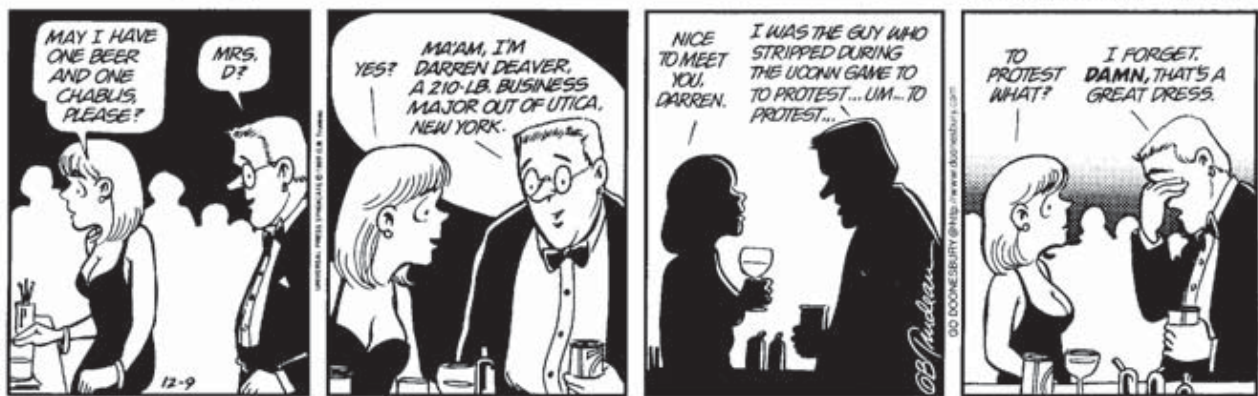
Announcements

PARTY BARN AT RILEY CREEK STABLES now booking for Spring semester. February beach parties. Early booking rates. Call Mr. Ed- 348-1424.  
12/12  
SUNDAY DEC. 14 STARTING AT 9 A.M. Go to the TKE House to relieve your stress with a professional massage therapist. The cost will be \$10 for 10 minutes.  
12/12  
COME CHECK OUT CHRONIC ITCH'S LAST SHOW AT E.I.U. before their move to Arizona on Thursday December 11th at 9 p.m. with special guests NOTHING PERSONAL.  
12/11

Announcements

CHRONIC ITCH AT WITH NOTHING PERSONAL AT STUS on Thursday, December 11th at 9:30 p.m.  
12/11

## Doonesbury



## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

## BY MIKE PETERS



It pay\$ to advertise in the

DAILY EASTERN NEWS



# Insults between Jackson and Van Gundy continue

DEERFIELD(AP) – Since Jeff Van Gundy became coach of the New York Knicks 21 months ago, he and Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson have been trading insults and exchanging radically divergent opinions.

Monday, the day before their teams meet for the first time this season, Jackson finally is agreeing with Van Gundy.

“He deserves the blame,” Jackson said. “He should take that blame, no doubt about it.”

Jackson was referring to Van Gundy’s comments Sunday after the Knicks’ embarrassing 93-78 loss at Philadelphia.

“I’m doing as bad a job as a coach could possibly do,” Van Gundy told reporters. Pointing to himself, he added, “We are constantly inconsistent, and the blame is right here. I’m disgusted with myself.”

Jackson was asked if Van Gundy really was to blame.

“Nah,” Jackson said, “I think it’s just self-deprecating to help the team out.”

Van Gundy – who mocks both Jackson’s interest in Indian culture and the Bulls’ triangle offense by calling the Chicago coach “Big Chief Triangle” – was furious that Jackson expressed interest in the New York job just after Van Gundy had gotten it in March 1996.

Van Gundy has said that the Bulls win not because of Jackson’s coaching but because of Michael Jordan.

And the Knicks coach has admitted to being “obsessed” with Jackson, Jordan and the Bulls, who have beaten New York in the playoffs on the way to four of their five NBA titles.

OK, so what does Jackson think about Van Gundy?

“I never think about him,” Jackson said.

But he couldn’t help but mention the “booby trap” Van Gundy’s Knicks fell into during last season’s playoffs, when several New York players left the bench during a fight against the Miami Heat.

Jackson said it was a typically undisciplined act by the Knicks, several of whom were suspended.

“It cost them a chance to be in the (Eastern Conference) finals,” Jackson said. “We didn’t snicker at them because we would have liked to have seen them in the finals against us.”

“Yet it wasn’t a surprise to us that it happened.”

Right now, neither team has the look of a conference finalist.

TOP

from page 12

The first victim to fall to the Racers was Eastern Kentucky, who lost 64-57 on Thursday.

The Racers then came away with another victory on Saturday, a 91-69 win over Morehead State.

Most of the OVC teams began conference play Thursday night, but Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech waited until Saturday to get into the swing of conference action.

These two teams battled it out on Saturday in Cookeville, Tenn. with Middle Tennessee coming out on top with a 67-48 road victory. The Raiders now find themselves in ranked fourth in the conference with a 1-0 record.

Just as Eastern did, Southeast Missouri also played its first two conference games at home. The team was defeated in overtime by Tennessee State 79-77 on Thursday to start off the OVC season at 0-1.

The Indians bounced back from the loss, as they defeated Eastern Kentucky 73-61 Saturday in Cape Girardeau, Mo. This victory brought Southeast Missouri into the fifth-place ranking with a 1-1 conference record.

Tennessee Tech finds itself alone in sixth place with an 0-1 record. After not playing Thursday night, the team was defeated by Middle Tennessee 67-48.

The remaining OVC teams are all in a last-place tie with identical 0-2 records. One of the teams in this position is a team that was predicted to finish second in the OVC, Austin Peay. The Governors lost two conference road games to start off the season.

On Thursday, Eastern beat the Governors 76-65. Austin Peay then headed to Cape Girardeau and was defeated by Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

Also in the last-place tie with Austin Peay is Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky, each with 0-2 records.

Eastern Kentucky first year head coach Scott Perry is still looking for his first win of the year, as the loss to Tennessee-Martin on Saturday dropped the Colonels overall record to 0-5. Another first year head coach looking for his first win of the year is Kyle Macy of Morehead State. The Eagles were picked to finish last in the conference, and so for they are doing just that.

The 91-69 loss at Murray State dropped the Eagles record to 0-6 on the season and 0-2 in the OVC.

Samuels said even though it is early in the season, Eastern is focusing on both home and away conference wins.

“This will be a very competitive league and winning home games will be very important,” he said. “If you have an opportunity to win one on the road that will be a big factor too.”

Eastern now has a month off before it plays its next conference game on Jan. 3 at Eastern Kentucky. Samuels said he does not know if the month off will help or hurt the Panthers.

“It’s really hard to tell, we have some really tough road games coming up,” Samuels said. “What we have to do is build on the wins, not only inside the conference but also outside of the conference. A key for us will be our commitment and if we play hard and with intensity.”

1997-98 MEN'S BASKETBALL				
TEAM	Conf.	Overall		
Eastern Illinois	2-0	3-3		
Murray State	2-0	6-0		
Tennessee-Martin	2-0	3-2		
Middle Tennessee	1-0	4-1		
Southeast Missouri	1-1	4-2		
Tennessee State	1-1	3-2		
Tennessee Tech	0-1	2-3		
Austin Peay	0-2	2-4		
Eastern Kentucky	0-2	0-5		
Morehead State	0-2	0-6		

TURNOVERS

from page 12

“It concerns us. We have a senior point guard that we can’t afford that to happen to,” he said.

The team’s three seniors which played in the tournament games turned over the ball a total of 11 times.

“I’m surprised,” Klein said. “We have seniors and junior college recruits that bring some experience to our team. I can understand it at first from freshmen.”

Klein said it was not just turnovers in general that are hurting the team, but losing the ball at critical times.

“We haven’t really faced a team that puts a great amount of pressure on us. We’re turning it over in every phase of the game,” he said.

Klein said he is pushing the team in practice and games to turn over the ball a maximum of 15 times.

“When your a team that turns over the ball like we are you have to start with a goal of 15. I don’t think that’s great, but it’s feasible to get your team to play at a level where they turnover the ball 12 to 15 times per game,” Klein said.

In order to get to a level where there are only 12 to 15 turnovers in each game, Klein said the team needs to work harder.

“We just have to keep emphasizing concentration and execution. The things that we work on every day in practice like meeting passes, making good passes and being strong with the ball,” he said.

“We work on these things every day. That explains our frustration. We work on these things and we still struggle. Hopefully it will turn in our conference season,” Klein said.

The women begin the first of 18 of their scheduled conference games at 2 p.m. Sunday against Tennessee State.

“I really don’t think there is an excuse to have a different level of intensity with conference games and non-conference games. It comes down to more concentration and more work,” Klein said. “For the most part our kids play hard.

“Our kids give a good effort, sometimes it could be better, the intensity is there it’s just the performance that isn’t that good.”

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
Departments of Music and Theatre  
*present*  
The Hit Lerner & Loewe Musical

  
**Brigadoon**

7 p.m. December 11, 12, 13

on the Mainstage • Doudna Fine Arts Center • Charleston, Illinois

Tickets on sale now at the Theatre Box Office  
Open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and  
one hour before each performance

Tickets are \$9 adult, \$7 senior citizen, faculty & staff, \$4.50 students


Phone 581-3110  
for reservations and ticket information

STUDENT  
PUBLICATIONS

is no longer  
accepting ads in  
our “upstairs”  
office, by the  
Sugar Shack, due  
to our move to  
Buzzard Building.  
Please continue  
your business with  
us at our office  
below the  
bowling alley.

THANK YOU !!!!!

581-2812



Auditions

Open Auditions for Spring Plays:  
Madam Tinubu  
Three Women Embracing  
Hansel & Gretel

Tuesday  
December 9

7 p.m.  
in the Studio  
Doudna Fine Arts Theatre

# Mirer having rough go of it in Windy City

LAKE FOREST (AP) – Rick Mirer has yet to direct a touch-down drive for the Chicago Bears.

He’s been demoted from starting quarterback to clipboard-holder.

He’s been booed at home. He’s been labeled one of the NFL’s biggest busts of ‘97. And his situation has been called a microcosm of everything that has gone wrong with a 3-11 team.

It’s all been a humbling experience for the former Notre Dame standout, the second player picked in the 1993 draft.

“You always want to have the opportunity to start and finish, to play the whole game and win,” said Mirer, whose mop-up duty in the last 5 minutes of Sunday’s 20-3 victory over Buffalo was his first action in more than two months.

“I’ve learned that those are precious things. You can’t take them for granted. I just want to make the best use of my time as I can.” Last winter, Bears coach Dave Wannstedt pursued Mirer, traded a first-round draft pick to Seattle for the quarterback, renegotiated Mirer’s contract to the tune of three years at \$10 million and handed him the starting job.

Before preseason even ended, however, Wannstedt benched Mirer in favor of Erik Kramer. And after very unsuccessful starts in the Bears’ fourth, fifth and sixth games, Mirer was demoted – not only behind Kramer but behind Steve Stenstrom, too.

Now – finally – Mirer is back in the mix. Wannstedt said Monday that Kramer will remain the starter but that Mirer will get significant playing time in the final two games “to see if he’s made some improvement.” “He’s been to a lot of meetings. He’s worked on some of his individual skills,” Wannstedt said. “It’s been seven or eight weeks ... and there have been a lot of corrections made and hopefully he’s been able to grasp some of that, and have a better feel for what we’re trying to do offensively, particularly from the quarterback position.” Making a sound evaluation of the most important position is crucial for the Bears, who right now have no idea who’ll be playing there next season.

Kramer can become a free agent, as can Stenstrom. Mirer has two years left on his contract but could be waived in a salary cap decision. And the Bears might finish with a bad enough record to draft either Tennessee’s Peyton Manning or, if he comes out of college early, Washington State junior Ryan Leaf.

Mirer, 46-of-86 for 373 yards and four interceptions this season, is trying not to worry about the future.

“When I signed the paperwork, it was for three years. If they don’t want to honor that, I’ll do what’s best for me and figure it out somewhere else,” said Mirer, who might be offered the chance to stay but only if he agrees to a sizable pay cut.

“When the season is over and I get a chance to look back, and Dave and other people make decisions on the future, then I’ll be excited to hear what they have to say.” Mirer, who set numerous league rookie passing records with the Seahawks in ‘93 but never became the star they had envisioned, said Manning and Leaf will do best on NFL teams that have veteran leaders and coaches with job security.

“Knowing what you’re doing and being the team leader,” Mirer said, “is too much to ask a kid to do.” He also said they should be

## CHEER from page 12

unsure going into the performance.

“It was my first tournament and I was nervous,” Gorrell said. “When it came time to do the routine, I had so much adrenaline pumping through me I wasn’t nervous anymore.”

“I was nervous until the music started,” Rentfrow said.

The level of nervousness may have had something to do with the routine itself.

“We come up with new routine every year for the show we do with the Pink Panthers at the pep rally,” Bruce said. It was this routine which won the team the regional title.

It was also this routine that resulted in the injury of junior Emily Anderson during the homecoming pep rally. Anderson took a spill while being caught after a hold and hit her head on the hardwood surface of the Lawson-Taylor tennis courts.

“We used the same routine that we used for the pep rally, except (Anderson) didn’t crack her head open,” Bruce said.

“It was in the back of my mind, and in the back of Emily’s mind,” Rentfrow said.

“Nobody really said much about it. She kept her nervousness to herself. When only one person is nervous, it’s better than 16 people being nervous.”

Gorrell said the incident at the pep rally was a fluke.

“We practiced that routine from the first month of the semester,” he said. “The pep rally was different because we had to break the routine into three parts. That was a mishap at the pep rally. We must have stuck that routine 500 times in practice. (Anderson) wasn’t nervous (at the competition) so we weren’t nervous.”

The opportunity to take a trip to the national tournament may have been missed, but the captains are still enjoying the regional win.

“We’ve gone to the this competition the last three years, and we always came in second,” Bruce said. “This is like a first step that we can build on.”

“It feels awesome,” Rentfrow said. “It was a good way for us three seniors to end up our careers.”



SHERYL SUE SIDWELL/Staff photographer  
*The Panther cheer team takes a break to pose for the camera. Because of lack of money, the cheer team will not be able to go to Orlando to compete in the NCAA championships.*

## MERDA from page 12

a to help the older people coming to the game, not the students.

That is where the problem lies.

It is the students’ athletic fees that largely support Panther athletics, not the money brought in by the few adults that pay admission.

In that case, it is the students that the athletic department should reach out to in an effort to get them to the games, not the Charleston residents.

Even if the shuttle bus never does end up having a route that includes the dorms, the athletic department can look at this as a learning experience.

When taking on such a task as trying to increase attendance at games, they have to ask themselves who their target is.

## Umpires required to use stopwatches

NEW YORK (AP) – In their battle with television, the umpires’ decision wasn’t final.

Baseball umpires have been ordered by an arbitrator to use stopwatches between innings to ensure that pitches aren’t thrown before television is back on the air from commercial breaks.

Umpires balked last spring at using the stopwatches to make sure that breaks were 2 minutes, 25 seconds during nationally televised Saturday afternoon and Sunday night games and 2:05 for other regular-season games.

The American and National leagues filed a grievance and, for once, baseball owners won.

“This a powerful wakeup call that the umpires work for the leagues and should comply to appropriate direction,” said Robert Kheel, the lawyer who represents the leagues in the dealings with umpires.

Umpires argued that timing the breaks wasn’t covered by their collective bargaining agreement.

“We are not going to serve as lackeys for the TV networks,” Pat Campbell, one of the umpires’ lawyers, said after the

• \$50 OR \$1.00 • \$50 OR \$1.00 • \$50 OR \$1.00

STUE.

\$100

YOU CALL IT

50¢

DRAFTS

DRESS-DOWN AND GET TORE-DOWN - OLD SCHOOL JAMS -

• \$50 OR \$1.00 • \$50 OR \$1.00 • \$50 OR \$1.00

SPECIALS • SPECIALS • SPECIALS • SPECIALS • SPECIALS • SPECIALS • SPECIALS

TOPPER'S

pizza

348-5454

\$1 off med. cheesesticks

\$2 Off lg. cheesesticks

JUST ASK!

Medium  
1 Topping  
Pizza  
\$5.00  
+tax

Large  
1 Topping  
Pizza  
\$6.00  
+tax

20 inch  
1 Topping  
Pizza  
\$10.99  
+tax

★ 4 Large 1 item pizza \$19.99 ★

Leaving for Semester break?

Don't want to take back all your stuff?

Then sell it in The Daily Eastern News Classifieds.

Any **new** ads placed in the **FOR SALE** section **only** will run for \$1 per day (15 word max.)

Ads placed TODAY will run Wed.- Mon. for only

\$4.00

Ads must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day before the ad is to run.

Ads may be placed in the Union under the bowling alley

Friends & Co

We got wings!

Hot wings only 25¢each

EVERY TUESDAY!

served with ranch dressing (regularly, basket of six for \$3.00)

Free Acoustic Blues Show Wednesday

Dawna Nelson w/ Brian Wilkie

509 Van Buren

345-2380

It Pays to Advertise in the Daily Eastern News!



# Sports



CHAD MERDA  
Staff writer

## Residence halls should be part of the pickup

The Eastern athletic department is on the verge of a ground breaking move.

The funny thing is they don't even know it.

There currently is a shuttle bus that runs from the stadium lot to the front of Lantz Gym for home basketball games — that's right, all 1,500 feet or so.

It seems obvious that the bus would be better utilized if it made runs to the dorms, especially ones on the outskirts of campus such as Carman Hall and Greek Court.

But according to Dave Kidwell, Assistant Athletic Director/Marketing and Sports Information Director, running the bus to the dorms to pick up students for home games has never been discussed in the three years the shuttle bus has been in existence.

"The main reason is people complain about lack of parking facilities," Kidwell said. "It cuts down on the walk (from the stadium lot), especially with bad weather."

He said there is one problem with having a bus pick students up from the dorms.

Mainly, there's only one bus and there has been such a positive response from the shuttle bus picking people up from the stadium lot that discontinuing that service wouldn't be feasible.

If anything else, maybe Eastern can experiment with the shuttle bus and have it go to the dorms for a couple of games (preferably not the ones over the semester break) and see how many students utilize the service.

Maybe then they would see that it would be feasible.

Anyone who has been to a home basketball game (and that certainly isn't many) can see that attendance is pretty slim, which is, as we all know, a perennial problem at Eastern. And the reason for this?

Most of it is probably due to lack of interest in the teams or having better things to do.

But, how much of this is as a result of students not wanting to make the long walk in the cold, especially when there's snow or ice on the ground? One can only wonder.

The athletic department has taken the time, effort and money to run the shuttle in an attempt to increase attendance, but they have missed the boat.

The bus service is designed

See MERDA page 11

## Cheer team wins Midwest Regional

By DREW GRANGER  
Staff writer

The Eastern cheer team won the Universal Cheerleading Association's Midwest Regional Championship Sunday in Joliet, but they are not going to Disney World.

Lack of money is keeping the cheer team from showcasing itself and representing Eastern on a national stage at the UCA National Tournament Jan. 8-11 in Orlando. The team will miss out on an opportunity to be a part of the television broadcast of the national competition.

"All the (athletic department) could afford to give us was \$2,000," junior team member Trent Gorrell said. "There was no way we could have sold enough raffle tickets."

The cheer team sold only \$240 dollars worth of tickets for a raffle in which first prize was tickets to this season's Super Bowl.

Team co-captain junior Mike Bruce said he had been told funds would be allocated into the team's budget next year to cover the cost of the trip.

Gorrell says he thinks allocating the funds is good, but said he wonders how effective it will be.

"We're already scrapping for money as is," he said. "It's nice that we will have the money next year, but what if something comes up and we need that money during the year and we don't have it for

nationals."

Next year will be to late for the teams seniors, co-captain Chanel Rentfrow, Brian Svehla and Mike Moyers.

"It's kind of disappointing," Rentfrow said. "We worked so hard all year but we can't go."

Eastern's victory in the regional championship came against some comparable schools as well as a few larger institutions. The University of Iowa cheer team finished second in the competition.

"There were a couple of schools about (Eastern's) size there," Bruce said. Bruce said a bit of satisfaction came in beating schools which had advantages over the Eastern squad.

"A lot of the schools we beat have paid coaches, paid choreographers and more facilities available to them," he said.

Bruce, Rentfrow and Gorrell each brought up the fact that the Eastern squad is a young team.

"This is a relatively inexperienced squad," Bruce said. He expressed apprehension about taking the team to nationals, doubts the first-place finish did away with. "I didn't know how I felt about taking a young team like this to nationals. After this weekend, I think we are ready," he said.

The less experienced members of the team were a bit nervous going into the competition, as were the older members. Gorrell and Rentfrow admitted to being a bit

See CHEER page 11



SHERYL SUE SIDWELL/Staff photographer

The Eastern cheer team performs at a football game this year. The squad won the Midwest Regionals on Sunday.

## Men hoopsters in three-way tie for first

### Kaye first Panther to get conference Player of the Week

By MATT WILSON  
Associate sports editor

It is still early in the Ohio Valley Conference basketball season, but the Eastern men's team finds itself atop the standings and has the OVC Player of the Week on its roster.

Senior forward Rick Kaye is now the first

men's basketball player from Eastern to be named as OVC Player of the Week. Kaye scored 33 points in Eastern's win over Austin Peay and 32 in the victory over Tennessee State.

Kaye leads the conference with 22.2 points each contest.

"It's a very nice honor to have this early in the season," Kaye said. "I'm really happy."

With the 73-70 victory over Tennessee State on Saturday, Eastern improved its OVC record to 2-0. The Panthers are now tied for the conference lead with Tennessee-Martin and Murray State.

"It's always important to get off to a 2-0 start but you can't minimize winning over the



Rick Samuels

rest of the conference season which is 18 games," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said.

After defeating Morehead State 77-66 to start off the season, Tennessee-Martin defeated Eastern Kentucky 67-64 Saturday in Martin, Tenn. to improve its record to 2-0.

Also finding themselves on top of the conference standings is the preseason pick to win the conference, the Racers of Murray State.

See TOP page 10

## Turnovers a problem for Lady Panthers

By DENISE RENFRO  
Sports editor

The women's basketball team, with its 2-6 overall record, has found one problem with play thus far this season — turnovers.

Over the weekend, the women lost the Roger L. White Tournament dropping games to both Northwestern and Boston.

This season the Lady Panther team has had problems with ball handling, as it did in the tournament.

In the last two games Eastern had before the tourney, against Western Illinois and St. Louis, the Lady Panthers turned over the ball 24 and 25 times respectively. The team managed to pull off a win against Western, but could not beat out St. Louis.

"I really don't know exactly why we're turning the ball over

"I really don't know exactly why we're turning the ball over so much, I believe we have a very capable back court. We just have a problem taking care of the ball."

—John Klein  
women's basketball coach

so much," head coach John Klein said. "I believe we have a very capable back court. We just have a problem taking care of the ball."

Against Boston Eastern turned over the ball 25 times. Senior guard Nora Hendrix lost the ball five times in her 18 minutes of play, which worries Klein.

See TURNOVERS page 10



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Lady Panther sophomore center Leah Aldrich drive to the basket in practice on Monday. Turnovers plagued Eastern in two losses this week-